

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF GENERIC PROCEEDING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2005-191-E

Generic Proceeding to Explore a Formal Request For Proposal Process For Utilities That Are Considering Alternatives For Adding Generating Capacity

On January 6, 2005, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) issued Order Number 2005-2 (Order). In its Order the Commission directed a generic docket be opened to explore a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process for utilities that are considering alternatives for adding generating capacity. Although the issue of a RFP process for utilities that are considering alternatives for new generating capacity arose while the Application for Adjustments in South Carolina Electric and Gas Company's Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs was pending at the Commission in Docket Number 2004-178-E, the Commission held in its Order that "the question of the merits of competitive bidding as a tool for identifying, pricing and procuring new capacity is not limited to [South Carolina Electric and Gas]." Therefore, in order to examine the issue of competitive bidding for the procurement of additional capacity, the Commission expressed a need to gather an array of options and opinions concerning a competitive bidding process. Hence, Docket Number 2005-191-E was initiated to explore whether to implement a formal RFP process for utilities that are considering alternatives for adding generating capacity and, if so, what should be included in the RFP process and how RFPs should be evaluated.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 26, 2005**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **August 15, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-191-E.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, and the Office of Regulatory Staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, on or before **August 15, 2005**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-191-E.***

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Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **August 15, 2005**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-191-E.*

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission's offices by dialing (803) 896-5100.

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